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1. THE EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED INFORMED SECRETARY GENERAL AIRA KALELA OF THE FINNISH NATIONAL COMMISSION THAT THE US NATIONAL COMMISSION WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE MAY 29-JUNE 1 SEMINAR ON ADAPTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION TO EDUCATIONAL CURRICULA BY DR. JUDITH TORNEY. MS. KALELA ADVISES THAT THE FINNISH NATIONAL COMMISSION HAS SENT INVITATIONS TO ALL NATIONAL COMMISSIONS OF THE EUROPEAN REGION AND HAS RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE FROM MORE THAN 20.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE US NATIONAL COMMISSION INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM IN RACINE, WISCONSIN, JUNE 19-22, MS. KALELA TOLD US THAT THE FOLLOWING FINNISH EXPERTS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE SYMPOSIUM: MS. SIRKKA MINKKINEN, M.A. VILHOVUORENKUJA 16 A, 00100 HELSINKI 10; MS. HILKKA PIETILA, SECRETARY GENERAL, UN ASSOCIATION IN FINNLAND, (VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FINNISH NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO), UNIONINKATU 45 B, 00100 HELSINKI 10; MR. VOITTO SAARIO, PRESIDENT, HELSINKI COURT OF APPEAL, UNCLASSIFIED

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ITAINEN PUISTOTIE 1, 00140 HELSINKI 14; AND MS. KAISA SAVOLAINEN, CHIEF INSPECTOR, NATIONAL BOARD OF GENERAL EDUCATION, (PRESIDENT OF THE EDUCATIONAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF FINLAND FOR UNESCO), HAKANIEMENKATU 2, 00530 HELSINKI 53. MS. KALELA SENT A LETTER DATED APRIL 20 TO MR. GABRIEL GUERRA-MONDRAGON, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE US NATIONAL

COMMISSION, GIVING ADDITIONAL DETAILS. MS. KALELA SAID THAT ONE REASON WHY THE FINNISH NATIONAL COMMISSION HAS DELAYED IN CONFIRMING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE ABOVE FINNISH EXPERTS IN THE SYMPOSIUM IS THE QUESTION OF TRAVEL EXPENSES, INASMUCH AS PARTICIPATION IN THE SYMPOSIUM HAD NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE FINNISH COMMISSION'S ANNUAL BUDGET. SHE SAID IT IS HER UNDERSTANDING NOW THAT THE TRAVEL EXPENSES OF AT LEAST TWO OF THE FINNISH EXPERTS WILL BE PAID BY THE HOST COMMISSION AND THAT THE US NATIONAL COMMISSION IS ALSO ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE THE COVERAGE OF ADDITIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES THROUGH A FOUNDATION.

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